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### **SAFE AT HOME PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT SENIORS**

*D.C. Office on Aging partners with the Department of Housing and Community Development to launch the Safe at Home Program*

**(WASHINGTON, DC)** – Today, the District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) and the Department of Housing and Community Development launched the Safe at Home Program. Safe at Home helps older adults and residents living with disabilities age in place. This program will focus on home accessibility adaptation grants to reduce the risk of falls and reduce barriers that limit mobility.

The Safe at Home is administered by Home Care Partners, a DCOA grantee, and available to seniors ages 60 and older, and persons living with a disability ages 18-59. Eligible households will receive accessibility adaptation grants up to \$10,000 to cover equipment and labor costs.

The Safe at Home program staff located at Home Care Partners will assist qualified applicants through the enrollment process. Enrolled participants will receive an in-home assessment from Occupational Therapists to identify problematic areas and develop a list of modifications and equipment. Home modifications could include: bed transfer handles, furniture risers, handrails, lamps, shower seats, stair lifts, or toilet handles.

For additional information, please contact Safe at Home at 202-638-0050 or email at [safeathome@homecarepartners.org](mailto:safeathome@homecarepartners.org).

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